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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO NURSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Institute of  
2   Medicine has asserted that effective workforce planning and  
3   policymaking require better data collection and an improved  
4   information infrastructure. The legislature also finds mention  
5   in the Institute of Medicine's recommendations for building an  
6   "infrastructure for the collection and analysis of  
7   interprofessional health care workforce data" and collaboration  
8   amongst state licensing boards, state nursing workforce centers,  
9   and the Department of Labor in the effort to ensure that the  
10  data are timely and publicly accessible.

11           The legislature further finds that the Hawaii center for  
12  nursing and the school of nursing and dental hygiene of the  
13  University of Hawaii have collaborated with the department of  
14  health, department of human services, department of commerce and  
15  consumer affairs, department of labor and industrial relations,  
16  Hawaii workforce development council, board of nursing, and all  
17  accredited schools of nursing in the State to ensure timely and  
18  publicly accessible data.



1       The legislature additionally finds that the center for  
2       nursing has collected nursing-related data through various  
3       surveys, including five annual surveys related to nursing  
4       programs, three biennial census surveys of registered nurses,  
5       and a census survey of licensed practical nurses. The  
6       legislature also finds that center for nursing surveys are a  
7       valuable way to collect important nursing-related data, and a  
8       response to these surveys should be required.

9       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 10       (1) Require the professional and vocational licensing  
11             division of the department of commerce and consumer  
12             affairs and the state board of nursing to collaborate  
13             with the center for nursing to enable the center to  
14             obtain nursing-related data;
- 15       (2) Require the professional and vocational licensing  
16             division to provide the center for nursing with  
17             various information through a memorandum of  
18             understanding; and
- 19       (3) Require completion of a survey developed by the center  
20             for nursing as part of the license renewal  
21             requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised  
22             Statutes.



1       SECTION 2. Section 304A-1407, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       "[~~§~~304A-1407~~§~~] Collaboration with the center for  
4 nursing. (a) The University of Hawaii school of nursing and  
5 dental hygiene, the state board of nursing, other schools of  
6 nursing within the State, professional nursing organizations,  
7 employers in the healthcare industry, and labor unions  
8 representing nurses and healthcare workers shall collaborate  
9 with the center for nursing and provide workforce data to the  
10 center for nursing when requested.

11       (b) The professional and vocational licensing division of  
12 the department of commerce and consumer affairs shall  
13 collaborate with the center for nursing to enable the center for  
14 nursing to obtain nursing-related data, including but not  
15 limited to workforce data of nurses licensed in the State.  
16 Workforce data may be obtained through online surveying or other  
17 cost-effective, efficient methods. A survey developed by the  
18 center for nursing and deemed necessary by the center for  
19 nursing shall be required as part of the license renewal  
20 requirements under subsection 457-9(a). Through a memorandum of  
21 understanding with the center for nursing, the professional and  
22 vocational licensing division shall:



- 1        (1) Provide nurse licensee contact information, including  
2        but not limited to email addresses, to the center for  
3        nursing for purposes of collecting and analyzing data;  
4        (2) Prepare and disseminate written reports and  
5        recommendations regarding the current and future  
6        status and trends of the nursing workforce;  
7        (3) Conduct research on best practices and quality  
8        outcomes;  
9        (4) Develop a plan for implementing strategies to recruit  
10       and retain nurses; and  
11       (5) Research, analyze, and report data related to the  
12       retention of the nursing workforce, in accordance with  
13       section 304A-1406.

14       For purposes of compliance with this section, the center  
15       for nursing shall abide by the requirements of chapter 92F."

16       SECTION 3. Section 457-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17       amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

18       "(a) The license of every person licensed, recognized, or  
19       granted prescriptive authority shall expire on June 30 of every  
20       odd-numbered year and shall be renewed biennially, except as  
21       provided in this section. Biennially in each odd-numbered year,  
22       the board shall make available an application for renewal of



1 license before the deadline set forth by the board to every  
2 person to whom a license was issued or renewed during the  
3 biennium. The applicant shall complete the application and  
4 submit it to the board with a renewal fee and all required  
5 documents on or before the deadline set by the board. The  
6 applicant shall provide documents from proper agencies or  
7 parties of any criminal conviction or any disciplinary action  
8 taken or pending in this State or any other state in the United  
9 States or any territory or possession under the jurisdiction of  
10 the United States within the two years prior to application for  
11 renewal of license. As part of the license renewal process,  
12 each applicant shall be required to complete a survey developed  
13 by the center for nursing as deemed necessary by the center for  
14 nursing pursuant to subsection 304A-1407(b). Upon receipt of  
15 the application and fee, the board shall verify the accuracy of  
16 the application and issue to the applicant a certificate of  
17 renewal for the biennium expiring two years hence on the  
18 deadline set by the board. The renewal shall render the holder  
19 thereof a legal practitioner of nursing for the period stated on  
20 the renewal form."

21 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Nursing; Center for Nursing; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Licensing

**Description:**

Requires the professional and vocational licensing division of the department of commerce and consumer affairs and the state board of nursing to collaborate with the center for nursing to enable the center to obtain nursing-related data. Requires the professional and vocational licensing division to provide the center for nursing with various information through a memorandum of understanding and requires completion of a center for nursing survey as part of the license renewal requirements under chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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